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## INDOT begins maintenance work on Indiana 13 bridge over Mississinewa

INDOT announced bridge maintenance work would soon begin on Indiana 13 over the Mississinewa River. Crews will be conducting the bridgework seven miles south of Wabash between Whites Drive and Howell Road. The work is expected to last until mid-August. During construction, Indiana 13 will be reduced to one lane. Traffic should be prepared to stop and obey the temporary traffic signal. There's a width limit of 12 feet in the project zone.

## CASA's Back to School Bash planned for Saturday

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) will be handing out free books at CASA's Back to School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Wabash High School. Also, at the event, the Access Youth Center will give away 130 backpacks as a part of its Backpack Giveaway Tour. Online donations may be made by visiting [accessyouthcenter.org](http://accessyouthcenter.org).

## Blood donation opportunities scheduled

The following local American Red Cross blood donation opportunities have been scheduled: 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10 at North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E. 2nd St., North Manchester; 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St.,

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# PMG names Kelly Miller publisher

## STAFF REPORT

Kelly Miller assumed the role of publisher for Paxton Media Group's Central Indiana News Group (CING), including the Wabash Plain Dealer, on Monday, Aug. 2. Miller has been in the news business for more than 25 years, the majority of which have been spent with Paxton Media Group. She returns to Paxton after time spent

at CNHI and later Gannet/Gatehouse and Wick Communications, with a background in the advertising side of the newspaper business.

Miller said she was drawn to the position because she believes in "hyper-local" journalism, noting the importance of local news to keep the community informed and hold public officials and entities accountable.

"I don't think you could remain in this field for over 25 years if you didn't believe in local journalism and the service it provides a community," she said. "My goal is to grow out community involvement and our business. What we provide our advertisers is irreplaceable."

Another goal of Miller's is for the newspaper to be a "light in the community," she said.

"We need to be approachable and open to new ideas and growth opportunities," Miller said. "I plan to grow the business with local events and marketing."

Miller said the newspaper should also act as a leader in the community.

"The newspaper lives by a code of ethics that many other types of businesses are not required to adhere to," she said. "We need to be the

leader in public information. We need to be transparent and unbiased in our reporting."

Miller said she is a huge sports fan, particularly of the Detroit Lions and Tigers. She is married to Donnie Miller, originally from Richmond, Indiana, and they have two dogs, Miguel Cabrera and Jose Iglesias. The Millers enjoy live music and motorcycles.

# YMCA helps to bridge the gaps for students



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

To meet the challenge of increased food insecurity in the region, especially among children, the YMCA offered free summer lunches and breakfasts for those ages 18 and under from Tuesday, June 1 to Friday, Aug. 6 at 500 S. Cass St.

## Summer food program, SPARK finishing; before, after school learning beginning

### By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This summer, the Wabash County YMCA has worked to feed and educate local children. And now with a newly-announced grant, that support will extend far past the start of the school year.

To meet the challenge of increased food insecurity in the region, especially among children, the YMCA offered free summer lunches and breakfasts for those ages 18 and under from Tuesday, June 1 to Friday, Aug. 6 at 500 S. Cass St., said CEO Dean Gogolweski.

Gogolweski said they have seen an increase in food insecurity during the pandemic and were "able to help through some grant funding."

"We became a food program sponsor this year to take care of the kids in our program and do what we can in the community," said Gogolweski.

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, Gogolweski said this was the first year for their food program and that they served an average of around 4,574 meals and snacks per month this summer, which was their baseline.

On Wednesday, Aug. 4, director of marketing and special projects Jana Thibos said they served 6,875 meals and snacks in June and 2,372 in July.

Thibos said the reason the numbers varied so widely was due to the various programs they had scheduled. In June, they provided backpack and weekend meals

for the summer day camp and SPARK, senior meals at Meadowbrook, bingo at the YMCA and Southwood and Metro North Elementary Schools. In July, they only had the first two programs listed for the previous month.

Thibos said last month, the YMCA received a 2021 Duke Energy Foundation Powerful Communities: K-12 Education Grant for \$10,000 for the SPARK program, which was begun to prevent summer learning loss from happening. SPARK is also funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Center, SCAN, the Community Foundation and "generous local donors."

"I am so thankful for the opportunity to be able to take these children on experiences they might not have

had without the Duke Energy Grant. It has made such an impact on their summer. The students looked forward to coming to SPARK. Thank you again for your support," said Wabash County YMCA director of youth development Brittany Burnett.

And even more recently, Gogolweski said they had been awarded a House Bill 1008 grant.

"This two-year grant will fund the Before and After School Learning Program targeted at COVID-19 learning disruption recovery," said Gogolweski.

According to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), Wabash County Schools grades three through eight, show a decrease in

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# Shelly Myers named 'Top 25' finalist for 2022 Indiana Teacher of the Year

## Social studies teacher also named 2021 Northfield Teacher of the Year

### By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Northfield Jr./Sr. High School social studies teacher Shelly Myers was recently named to the "Top 25" finalist for the 2022 Indiana Teacher of the Year, said MSD director of communication and community engagement Laura Langebartels.

Langebartels said in May, Myers was announced as the 2021 Northfield Teacher of the Year. After receiving that honor, she was then selected as the MSD of Wabash County High School Teacher of the Year. Teachers who



Provided photo

Northfield Jr. / Sr. High School social studies teacher Shelly Myers was recently named to the "Top 25" finalist for the 2022 Indiana Teacher of the Year.

receive this honor from their school district are invited to apply for the Indiana Teacher of the Year award.

"It is an honor to represent MSD as High School Teach-

er of the Year and an exciting surprise to have been selected as one of the "Top 25" State Teacher of the Year applicants," said Myers. "Teachers have the opportunity to be a light in the lives of their students every day, and my favorite part of teaching is the connection that I get to build with my students. They are young adults, and they are an important part of this community, our school, and my life. I want to be someone in their lives who helps them to see what they are capable of doing, someone who can show them that it doesn't matter who they are or where they came from, they have it within themselves to be successful and to make a difference for others."

Langebartels said in addition to teaching, Myers serves as the head of the

Social Studies Department, senior class sponsor, representative of the Teacher's Association and assistant volleyball coach.

"Northfield students leave Mrs. Myers' government and economics classes excited and talking about real-life applications that Mrs. Myers facilitated each day," said Northfield principal Jay Snyder. "Mrs. Myers is very deserving of Teacher of the Year as I know very few people that devote the time that she does to students and staff alike. Mrs. Myers is not only a great teacher in her classroom, but she positively contributes to the school environment for students and staff."

Myers is beginning her 19th year of teaching. On Thursday, Myers said

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# County back to yellow COVID-19 advisory level

Local vaccination rates per 100,000 residents in the lower third for the state

### By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After a short time back in the blue, the lowest COVID-19 advisory category, Wabash County is now back in the yellow, the second-lowest category.

The change was announced during the Wednesday, Aug. 4 weekly dashboard update and reflects rising cases locally, statewide and nationwide.

Most of the recent cases in the state have tested positive for one of the virus variants.

Variants are different strains of a virus, such as SARS-CoV-2 – the virus that causes COVID-19 – that arise as a virus mutates or changes, according to the ISDH. Since being first identified in the spring, these variants have been given names of Greek letters.

As of Friday, the ISDH reported that 87.2 percent

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# City looking for a new code enforcement officer

The deadline for applications has been set for 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20

### By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash building commissioner Jim Straws is looking for a new code enforcement officer, said mayor's coordinator Maria Smyth.

On Thursday, Straws said his previous code enforcement officer left to take a job with Ford Meter Box.

Straws said the deadline for receiving applications is 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20.

Straws said after they will begin reviewing the applications the week of Monday, Aug. 23.

Straws said it was his "hope to have someone in that position" by Monday, Sept. 6.

Straws said to be considered for the position, applicants must have a valid high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED); provide a recent photograph; possess a current, valid driver's license at the time of appointment;

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# Andrews fire displaces families

By **BRETT STOVER**  
Huntington Herald-Press Editor

A structure fire devastated a four-family apartment in Andrews on Saturday, leading to the displacement of all of its occupants.

Andrews Volunteer Fire Chief Tom Wuensch said that the department first received a call at 2:16 p.m., and that the first truck went out in four minutes.

“We had all of the Andrews Fire Department. We had Mount Etna, Bippus,” Wuensch said. “Lagro was on standby at our fire station. We had Parkview Huntington Hospital EMTs, Huntington County Sheriff’s Department, EMA.”

The blaze occurred at 415 McKeever Street in Andrews, and was extinguished by around 4 p.m. Wuensch said that the department was “just cleaning up hotspots by then.”

“We had to do several different things. We kept the fire contained to one apartment out of the four, except in the attic,” Wuensch said. “The attic burnt out, two apartments’ attics. We got in there with piercing nozzles and pulled the ceiling out and got the fire put out.”

Wuensch said that he has been in contact with the state fire marshal’s office to investigate the cause of the fire. While no formal cause has been determined, Wuensch said that he is “pretty sure what we found so far is electrical.”

“It wasn’t really a large fire. The bad thing about it is that four families are getting displaced now because of it, since there were four apartments in the building,” Wuensch said. “As far as flames shooting through the roof, we didn’t have a whole lot of that. It was just rolling around the attic.”

Nichole Craig, who lived in one of the units with her son, said that she first noticed the fire when a neigh-

bor “came banging on my door, screaming that she needed help.” After that, she called 9-1-1.

“The fire actually stopped right before my apartment,” Craig said, although she hasn’t yet been able to examine the damage in person. “Mine is mostly water and smoke damage. I don’t have any fire damage, I don’t think.”

Craig said that people from the community have donated school supplies and clothes for her son, a sentiment echoed by others affected by the fire. Community member Ellen Hackett, who has helped coordinate efforts to provide relief for the families, said that she’s seen an enormous amount of support.

“We’ve gotten a lot of clothes, baby items, some toiletries... Basic emergency needs,” Hackett said. “That’s what we’ve done. I’ve collected some cash; that cash is being distributed equally among all four families.”

Ivy Tackett, another resident of the apartment building, said that she lived there with her boyfriend and that his daughter stayed with them on weekends. Tackett said that “everything’s just destroyed” and that there is no ceiling or walls left in her unit.

“I was asleep in the chair. I had to work earlier that morning, and I got home and fell asleep,” Tackett said. “My boyfriend was falling in and out of sleep on the couch. He just happened to notice the whole apartment was filled with smoke.”

Tackett said that the community response has been “overwhelming.”

Michelle Cutshall, who lived in the building along with her fiancé and her daughter, said that she was in the middle of a bike ride to Huntington when her fiancé, Jamie White, called.

White said he began to see smoke, checked outlets

around the house, and then realized that the structure was on fire.

“I went back into my house and got my dogs out and our hamster and put them in the back of the pickup truck just so they were secured in one place... White said. “By the time the fire department was able to get in there and actually hose things down, the fire had spread all the way across the attic of the building. The attic was all one open space across all four units. It had a six inch floor between the attic and all the units downstairs.”

Cutshall and White are now staying in a hotel while they look for a new home, although White said that the search has been difficult so far.






“Our biggest concern at this moment is getting shelter,” White said. “Trying to find some place that is two or three bedrooms that will accept our dogs. That’s the biggest issue, because no one around seems to have anything that’s available.”

With the families still searching for new housing, Hackett said that they don’t yet have room for larger items like couches and other furniture. She also said that there is no longer a need for more clothing or school supplies after donations poured in on Monday. Hackett said that those with questions about how to help out can contact her at 260-438-2593.

“At this point, until these people get permanent housing, I would say that the main thing would be gift cards so that they can get whatever we haven’t been able to provide for them and to replace their food,” Hackett said. “I know that we have food pantries around that can help, but there are so many of them.”





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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Saturday</b> Isolated T-storms 87 / 67	 <b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy 89 / 71	 <b>Monday</b> Scattered T-storms 90 / 72	 <b>Tuesday</b> Scattered T-storms 91 / 71	 <b>Wednesday</b> Scattered T-storms 90 / 72
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### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:48 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:49 a.m.

 New 8/8	 First 8/15	 Full 8/22	 Last 8/30
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### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 87°, humidity of 62%. South southwest wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 67°. South wind 2 to 6 mph.



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Local worship pastors, singers, and musicians will bring churches and community members together for a night of worship at 390 East’s fourth annual 85 United concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8 at Eagles Theatre.

## 390 East Worship presents the fourth annual 85 United Concert

Worship pastors, singers and musicians to host a night of worship at Eagles Theatre

### STAFF REPORT

Local worship pastors, singers, and musicians will bring churches and community members together for a night of worship at 390 East’s fourth annual 85 United concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8 at Eagles Theatre, according to Honeywell Arts & Entertainment

development communications manager Courtney Harvey.

“390 East Worship is a collective of singers, musicians, and worship pastors from a mixture of churches in Wabash. who came together to create the 85 United concert. Now in its fourth year, the band and the event continue to gain

momentum,” said Harvey. “390 East writes and records original music produced by award-winning producer Jake Rye, formerly of Sanctus Reel, and recently released their debut single, ‘Be My Enough.’ The 85 United concert will feature their original music along with church favorites. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at HoneywellArts.org or by calling the Honeywell Box Office at 260-563-1102.

## American Red Cross to host a blood drive in honor of 5-year-old battling cancer

The event has been planned for Saturday at Manchester Church of the Brethren

### STAFF REPORT

Kole Adamiec was diagnosed with high-risk Neuroblastoma on April 18 at 5-years old, according to American Red Cross regional communications director LaMar Holliday.

He has received several blood transfusions since he started treatment.

“He rarely lets his diagnosis keep him down, and he often surprises the medical staff. After receiving treatment, a typical day at home consists of Kole chasing his siblings through the yard or playing on the farm. He loves all things farming, tractors, making hay, excavating equipment, tractor pulls, Komodo dragons and dinosaurs. Kole attended Peach Patch Preschool and will be starting kindergarten this fall,” said Holliday.

Holliday said his family wants to help educate the community about the need and importance of blood donations.

A blood drive in dedication to Kole Adamiec has been planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, August 7 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

“Family is everything to Kole,” said Jade Adamiec, Kole’s mother. “He has the biggest heart and will go out of the way to make his siblings and family feel so loved. His resilience is truly inspiring.”

“In the summer, blood donations tend to decrease, so we need the public’s help,” said Toni Fox, account manager. “Donating today gives those like Kole a fighting chance to live a great life.”

To donate blood, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or

for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

For more information, visit [www.redcross.org/indiana](http://www.redcross.org/indiana).



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# Obituaries

## Patty (Cain) Smith

Feb. 10, 1931 - Aug. 4, 2021

Patty (Cain) Smith, 90, Denver, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord at 12:40 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, at Logansport Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

Born Feb. 10, 1931, in Santa Fe, Indiana, she was the daughter of Otto Roger and Vivian (Millican) Cain.

On Feb. 12, 1949, in Bunker Hill, Indiana, Rev. J. Harvey Brown officiated the service uniting her in marriage to Omer Glen Smith. He preceded her in death on April 21, 1992.

For over sixty-four years, Pat made her home on the family farm northeast of Denver. She was a devout Christian who loved the Lord and was a faithful servant of the Chili United Methodist Church. She retired from Senger Controls Corporation in North Manchester, where she had worked for twenty-eight years.

Survivors include her three children, Merry (John) Gaerte, Macy; Jeann (Stan) Hudson, Roann; and Jeff (Diana) Smith, Denver; seven grandchildren, Ryan Hudson, Ida Grove, IA; Nicole Hudson, Huntington, IN; LeAnn (Gary) Scacco, Macy; Mark (Nikole) Gaerte, Akron; Brad Smith, Shelbyville; Brent (Megan) Smith, Denver; and Shelli (Josh) Peden, Sheridan; two special brothers-in-law, online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). Carl (Annell) Smith, Co-



lumbia City; and George Smith, Denver; and twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters and four brothers.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, 2021, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastor Les Cooper officiating. Burial will follow in Chili Community Cemetery, Chili, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, and one hour prior to the service on Monday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chili Cemetery Association. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent special brothers-in-law, online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

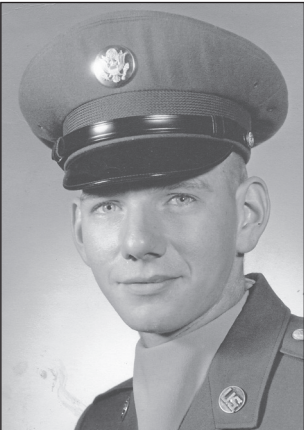
## John Walter Carter

Sept. 10, 1945- Aug. 4, 2021

John Walter Carter, 75, of rural Wabash, Indiana, went to be with his Lord and Savior at 2:24 pm, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on Sept. 10, 1945, in Wabash, Indiana, to Alton “Pete” and Delphine (Dye) Carter.

John was a 1963 graduate of Wabash High School. Following high school he served in the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. John married Elaine Joy Hoover on July 10, 1966, in Aiken, South Carolina. He retired from Ford Meter Box in Wabash, in 2006, after 37 years. He was a member of Lagro Community Church and Lagro American Legion Post 248. John enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, golfing, and being outdoors. He also enjoyed playing music and played bass and sang in the Pearson Mill Band. John loved animals, especially his dog, Sally, and also watching Clint Eastwood westerns.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Joy Carter of Wabash, two sons, John E. (Deana) Carter of Columbia City, Indiana, and Richard D. (Kathryn) Carter of Wabash, three grandchildren, Jonah L. Carter of Columbia City, Cassidy J. Carter, and Lyndsey R. Carter, both of Wabash, three sisters



and brother, Barbara White of Richmond, Indiana, Ralph Murphy of Wabash, Reta (Jay) Smith of Georgetown, Kentucky, and Loretta (Gerry) Miller of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 9, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Stephen C. Johnson officiating. Friends may call from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service. Interment will be at a later date.

Preferred memorials are the Animal Shelter of Wabash County or Lagro American Legion Post 248.

The memorial guest book for John may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

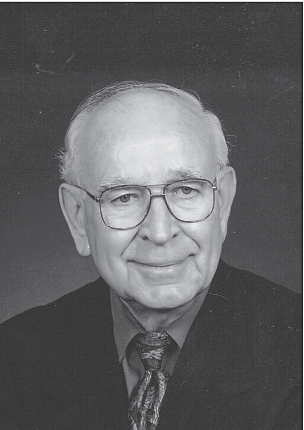
## Edward R Price

May 10, 1927 - Aug. 3, 2021

Edward R Price, 94, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 10:40 am, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, at his home. He was born on May 10, 1927, in Laketon, Indiana, to James Esta and Golda Ann (Rutledge) Price.

Ed attended Laketon School. He married Georgia Mae Felts in Wabash on March 16, 1946; she died Dec. 17, 2016. He worked at General Tire in Wabash, retiring in 1982 after 35 years. Ed was a member of the New Life Baptist Church, Bells and Beaus Square Dance Club, the 626 Retirement Club at General Tire, and a former member of the Wabash Lions Club. Ed loved playing euchre, and also square dancing. He was a square dancer and an instructor for more than 60 years.

He is survived by two children, Jerry Lee (Nedra) Price of Kokomo, Indiana, and Bonnie Jo Douglass of Wabash, three grandchildren, Dallas E. (Sarah Faucett) Price of Kokomo, Charles E. (Andrea) Douglass III and Brian E. (Sara) Douglass, both of Huntington, and three great-grandchildren, Kodi L. Douglass, Reece A. Douglass, and James Douglass, all of Huntington. He was also preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, James Esta Price II,



Lester Price, Rex Price, and Lon Price, five sisters Mabel Schenkel, Eleanore Eubanks, Ruby Montel, Elizabeth Mallock and Kathryn Curtis, and two half brothers, Herbert and Robert Price.

Funeral services will be 10 am, Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call 4-7 pm Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is New Life Baptist Church Building Fund.

The memorial guest book for Edward may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

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Urbana; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at Brandt’s Harley Davidson, 1400 Cass St. For more information, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), [rcblood.org/fuel](http://rcblood.org/fuel) or [rcblood.org/CedarFair](http://rcblood.org/CedarFair) or call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

### Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Aug. 11 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaignhunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaignhunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### Salamonie Preschool offers ‘S is for Snake’ on Aug. 11

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “S is for Snake.” Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

### NMCH celebrates ‘Securing the Vote: Women’s Suffrage in Indiana’

The North Manchester Center for History (NMCH) invites visitors to enjoy a new traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) marking the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which recognized a woman’s right to

vote. The exhibit, “Securing the Vote: Women’s Suffrage in Indiana,” will be open to the public from Tuesdays through Saturdays through Saturday, Aug. 21 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-0672 or visit [www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org](http://www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org).

### Clark Gallery exhibit presents rich contributions of Latino artists

“Artes Latinas in Wabash,” on display through Sunday, Aug. 22 in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery, presents the rich and varied contributions of Latino artists. The exhibit presents the artistic creations of six professional artists, including various styles such as illustration, printmaking, painting, muralism and graphic design. Works featured in the exhibit are presented by Colombian, Puerto Rican, NuyoRican and Mexican artists. In addition, the exhibit features the artistic creations of Wabash County students who worked alongside visiting artist Ana Velazquez for We the Many, a project of Arts Midwest. For more information, visit [HoneywellArts.org](http://HoneywellArts.org).

### ‘Liking for Biking’ returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. For more information, [www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series) or call 260-563-7171.

### INDOT to begin asphalt resurfacing on Indiana 13

Asphalt resurfacing has been planned on Indiana 13 between County Road 700 and County Road 800. The work is expected to be complete by the beginning of September.

### Salamonie Forest Preschool to begin in September

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two

Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once a month option will be held Tuesdays including Sept. 14, 2021; Oct. 5, 2021; Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Sept. 28, 2021; Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. The program fee for the package of nine once-a-month sessions is \$60 per child ages 3 to 5. Additional siblings are \$35. The program fee for the package of 18 twice a month sessions is \$100 per child, and additional siblings are \$75. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### Dr. Ford Home announces ‘fun, family-friendly’ event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including The American Front Porch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14; Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash’s trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit [HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home](http://HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home).

### Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year’s Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest; the North Manchester Fun Fest parade; and at Doud’s Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

### Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market running every Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market continues its

2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market) or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market).

### 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids planned

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

### Salamonie ‘Tweens Among the Trees’ Forest School planned

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6 to 13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

## Raminator monster truck making pit stop Saturday in Wabash

The “world-famous” monster truck, Raminator, will be making a pit stop in Wabash from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at Wabash Valley Chrysler, 1972 S. Wabash St, according to a press release. “Recorded hitting a speed of 99.1 mph, Raminator will be racing just as swiftly ... to offer a spectacular presentation the entire family will not want to miss,” according to the release.

Watch as cars crumble beneath the Raminator wheels during the car crushes at noon Saturday, Aug. 7.

While there fans can register and enter for a chance to win the 2021 Sweepstakes where one grand prize winner will receive a \$75,000 vehicle credit valid toward the winner’s choice of a vehicle from the Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram Truck or Fiat brands.

For more information, visit [www.raminator.com](http://www.raminator.com).

## YMCA

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Student Achievement Scores, specifically in English and math proficiency on a state average.

“This grant will help bridge the gap and provide students the tools and help they need to succeed,” said Gogolweski.

Gogolweski said the \$1.9 million grant will be awarded over the next two school years and is designated solely for the school-based learning program.

Gogolweski said partnering with the Wabash City Schools (WCS), MSD and Manchester Community Schools (MCS), students up to eighth grade will have extra learning opportunities after school at no cost. Tutoring by certified teachers will be available Mondays through Thursdays, with supplemental learning activities throughout the week.

“Because of this grant and our partnerships with the schools, the program will be available at no cost and help students accelerate learning. Along with direct educational support, this program will use passive learning activities that will help every student who participates in the program,” said Gogolewski.

Gogolweski said the grant emphasizes test data for referral into the program.

“Learning disruptions due to COVID-19 have affected every student in the county. Wabash County parents can contact their child’s school to be referred to the program,” said Gogolewski. “The YMCA would like to thank the IDOE for making this grant possible and the collaboration with county school districts to continue to support youth development in the county.”

For more information, call 260-563-9622, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org) or email [pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org).

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

# Three cheers for vaccine mandates

President Joe Biden has announced a requirement that federal workers get vaccinated against COVID-19 or be frequently tested and face other restrictions. He's right – and other governments and businesses should likewise require vaccination for their employees. With the delta variant racing through the unvaccinated population, mandates are more essential than ever.

The delta variant is far more transmissible than earlier variants, and produces an exceptionally high viral load. This is true even when it infects vaccinated people, as it sometimes does. This means that even vaccinated people can sometimes pass the delta variant along to others – including unvaccinated children and people with compromised immune systems.

This is why the Centers for Disease Control has changed its mask guidance – to recommend that, in schools and in parts of the country with significant community transmission, even the vaccinated wear masks indoors. But it's also why vaccine mandates are needed more than ever. The delta variant, along with widespread vaccine refusal, has made it more dangerous for people who have gotten

their shots to be in contact with people who haven't.

The problem won't solve itself. Resistance to vaccination isn't fading. Implying people to behave responsibly hasn't worked well enough. The U.S. has plenty of vaccine to go around, yet a third of eligible Americans still haven't gotten their first dose, and vaccination centers stand empty.

So it's good that more and more such mandates are being imposed. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test will soon be required for public employees in California, New York state and New York City. Hundreds of colleges demand that students, faculty and staff have their shots. Corporate America is beginning to follow suit. Vaccines will be mandatory for all Veterans Affairs health-care personnel. And the American Medical Association and dozens of other health-care groups have called for universal vaccine mandates at hospitals, clinics and other health-care settings.

Unfortunately, some politicians are pushing back. Republicans in Congress have tried to amend the federal spending bill to ban funds for schools that mandate vaccines, vaccine lotteries, and door-to-door efforts to encourage people to get their shots. State

legislators are working to forbid vaccine mandates, calling it a matter of civil rights. They say businesses, schools and other institutions should no more be allowed to discriminate against people because of their vaccination status than because of their age, race, gender, sexual orientation or religion.

The parallel is absurd. Governments have a duty to protect public health, and refusing to be vaccinated against COVID-19 is not a matter of identity. It's a preference – and one that puts others at risk.

The U.S. is again reporting more than 50,000 COVID cases a day, up from about 10,000 a month ago. Things are worse in states with lower rates of vaccination, of course, but it's increasingly urgent everywhere that businesses and institutions require their employees to be vaccinated. Face-to-face businesses such as shops and restaurants should also ask their customers for proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. Mandates are the fastest way to protect the vulnerable and induce "wait and see" stragglers to get their shots – not sometime, but now.

*This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.*

## Slowing economy caused by the unvaccinated

Just a few short months ago, economic optimism was strong. A fast recovery seemed imminent even if actual data revealing a rapid recovery was sparse. Businesses were beginning to re-open and hire, the vaccine was becoming universally

**Michael Hicks**



available. Most of us were eager to return to restaurants, theaters and other places that were unsafe during COVID. Spring was as it should be, hopeful and optimistic.

As of mid-summer, the very rapid recovery has failed to fully materialize. Wage growth last month was weak and the mix of new jobs signaled growth in lower-wage sectors rather than across-the-board growth. In a normal labor market, we would welcome the 2021 average of a half a million new jobs per month, but that speed of recovery will not see us hit pre-pandemic employment levels until the summer of 2022. At the current pace of job growth, it will be late-2023 or 2024 before we return to trend employment levels.

The more-sluggish-than-expected recovery comes at a time when combined economic stimulus remains near an all-time high. Additional fiscal or monetary policies will not rescue us from slower growth. That isn't an argument against any piece of legislation or federal policy, simple an acknowledgement that the slowing growth isn't really a direct economic policy issue. It is something else.

Over the past few weeks, COVID is again filling hospitals and killing Americans at an accelerating rate. But, the effects of the disease and its likely economic effects are not equally distributed. Over the last 90 days, nearly all the COVID deaths are among the unvaccinated. In just the last three months, more than 32,000 Americans died of COVID. In just the past month, the long and slow decline in deaths reversed, and is now growing at a rate that could easily return us to the levels seen last fall.

With 99.2 percent of deaths among the unvaccinated the burden of this disease now falls on those families and communities where vaccination rates are low. For anyone who has studied public health, this is familiar territory. Poorer populations, poorly educated places and those with a larger share of racial minorities exhibit lower rates of vaccinations. However, a new and horrific development is the strong political dimension to the rates of vaccination.

The typical approach to public health research examines such things as race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, age and levels of education to explain differences in the incidence of disease and access to preventive healthcare. The understanding of these dynamics allow policies to target those places and people least likely to benefit from healthcare spending without additional intervention. Today, the strongest predictor of COVID vaccination rates is simply the share of the 2020 presidential vote that accrued to Mr. Trump.

This is not an accident, it is not an artifact of population density nor is it the result of state-level variations in public policy. The states with the highest and lowest rates of vaccination are both led by GOP governors. It is shocking that even in a sweeping election loss, Donald Trump won 24 of the 25 states with the lowest vaccination rate. The refusal by so many Americans to take the vaccine is linked to the public statements of Donald Trump and his supporters who sought to downplay this pandemic. The politicization of the most common form of public health measure – vaccinations – has one source: Donald Trump.

The politics of this anti-vaccine campaign make little sense. They are not rooted in libertarianism, nor conservative thought. They are not spawned by the type of republicanism that gives states the authority to oversee such matters. Letting your supporters die is hardly a winning populist strategy. This anti-vaccine rhetoric isn't even mature contrarianism. This is the stuff of childish obstinacy designed to divert attention from other failures.

COVID is now killing more than 10,000 Americans per month, with the rate of death accelerating. At least one forecast projects that we will have nearly 100 million sick Americans by Christmas. The deaths will be particularly acute in those states that voted for Mr. Trump. I just ran the correlation between vote share and vaccine rates. This is the sort of analysis I perform several hundred times a year for most of the past three decades. However, this correlation is the most startling statistical relationship I have ever seen.

A full 75.6 percent of the differences in state vaccination rates can be explained solely by the Trump share of votes in 2020. Moreover, each 1.0 percent decrease in the vote share for Mr. Trump is correlated with a 0.78 percent decrease in vaccination rates. One bizarre outcome of last year's fractured national politics is that Mr. Trump unleashed disinformation that is now causing the disproportionate death of his supporters.

It is time to state and restate an obvious truth. The rapid spread of this new variant, the uptick of deaths and the spreading economic damage falls squarely at the feet of those who chose not to get a vaccine. These folks are either dupes of the anti-vax campaigners or themselves morally culpable for the spreading disease. Most bear both burdens.

Many vaccinated Americans will be rightfully angry at the self-centered mulishness of the unvaccinated. Since 99.2 percent of these deaths are voluntary, some will even be tempted to discount their deaths. That is a mistake. We should not surrender to the immorality that influenced the unvaccinated. These are our neighbors and fellow citizens.

We should remind the unvaccinated that their choices hurt others. The resurgent pandemic will cause more businesses to fail this year. Some schools will close and many students who are not yet eligible for vaccines will be at home in isolation or quarantine. Some will die. Many have taken the vaccine, but have compromised immune systems. Hundreds of these Americans who otherwise would have loved and been loved through a normal lifespan will instead die of COVID this year.

The moral weight of these deaths and disease falls squarely on those Americans who chose not to get a vaccine. It is time we shame, cajole or coax these folks into getting the vaccine. We want these people to survive this pandemic, so that they may thank us later.

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## Twelve years without a minimum wage rise

By HOLLY SKLAR

We've hit a terrible milestone for the federal minimum wage – 12 years without a raise. The last increase was to \$7.25 an hour on July 24, 2009.

That's so long ago, the top movies that year were "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," "Up," "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" and "Avatar."

The minimum wage has not gone up, but prices have. It would take a minimum wage worker 79 hours per week on average to afford a modest 1-bedroom at Fair Market Rent, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

The minimum wage has become a poverty wage instead of an anti-poverty wage. That hurts workers who can't afford the basics, and it hurts businesses that count on customers with money to spend.

We're in the longest period without a raise since the minimum wage was first enacted in 1938 to set a decent minimum standard of living, boost consumer spending, and help workers and businesses recover from the Great Depression.

The minimum wage used to increase regularly as worker productivity rose and the economy grew. But in recent decades, increases have been too little, too late to keep up with the cost of living, and the rewards of economic growth have gone increasingly to the top.

The federal minimum wage peaked in buying power in 1968, when it was worth more

than \$12.50 in 2021 dollars, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Today, only D.C. and four states – California, Massachusetts, New York, Washington – have a statewide minimum wage rate currently in effect that is greater than or equal to \$12.50. Connecticut joins them with an August 1 increase.

Imagine going back in time to December 1968, when Apollo 8 astronauts made history by becoming the first humans to orbit the moon. And telling people that in 2021, the minimum wage would have much less buying power, but we'd be in a space race among billionaires.

Twenty states have minimum wages no higher than the \$7.25 federal level. Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee have no state minimum wage, while Georgia and Wyoming have a \$5.15 minimum wage, so the \$7.25 federal minimum wage applies. The others are Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin.

Workers and businesses in these states and many others with inadequate minimum wages are counting on a federal raise.

"When wages are too low, everything is affected – home life, health, education and productivity on the job," said Chrissy Jensen, owner of Domestica in Des Moines, Iowa. "Raising the minimum wage to \$15 will give people some room to breathe. They'll be better workers and better customers."

Businesses know their pay practices are important, but not a substitute for a federal raise.

"We know that happier employees make for happier customers," said Jordan Scott, co-owner and chef of Machina Kitchen & ArtBar in Keene, New Hampshire. "But the \$7.25 minimum wage leaves people in the food industry struggling to put food on their own table and keep a roof overhead. That hurts our local economies. It hurts the local farmers who depend on local restaurants like ours who do better when our communities do better."

Momentum for a \$15 minimum wage is growing. Delaware is the 10th state – joining California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island – to enact a \$15 minimum wage (with varied phase-in schedules).

But without a federal raise, millions of Americans will be left behind.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Raise the Wage Act, which would increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025, but the Senate has not followed suit. One way or another, Congress needs to get it done.

Raising the minimum wage will help us build a widely shared recovery and more resilient economy.

*Holly Sklar is the CEO of Business for a Fair Minimum Wage, a national network of business owners and executives who believe a fair minimum wage makes good business sense. For more information, visit [www.businessforfairminimumwage.org](http://www.businessforfairminimumwage.org).*



# Lifestyles



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Every berry lover should have a recipe for meringues up their sleeve. Snow white, light as air and egg-shell crisp, meringues will dress up your favorite berries in these easy do-ahead desserts.

**Lynda Balslev**



Crumble and shower meringues as a sweet and dusty garnish, hollow their centers to fill as a sugary edible vessel, or simply fold them into dollops of billowy whipped cream. Meringues can be stored at room temperature for up to two weeks (or longer if store-bought) and are the perfect secret ingredient to pull out for fresh desserts and easy summer entertaining.

**Strawberry Meringue Parfaits With Balsamic Syrup**  
**Active time: 25 minutes**  
**Total time: 25 minutes, plus cooling time and standing time**  
**Yield: Serves 6 to 8**

- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 1/2 pounds strawberries
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 8 ounces mascarpone
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 ounces crisp meringues,

store-bought or homemade (recipe below), crumbled  
**Finely grated lemon zest for garnish**

Combine the vinegar, sugar and lemon in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer until reduced by half and syrupy in consistency, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a small heat-proof bowl to cool to room temperature. (Syrup may be prepared up to two days in advance. Cover and refrigerate until use.)

Wash, dry and hull the strawberries. Slice 1/4-inch thick. Reserve 6 to 8 slices for garnish and place the remaining berries in a medium bowl. Pour the balsamic syrup over the berries and gently stir to coat. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes (or cover and refrigerate for up to 4 hours).

Combine the cream, mascarpone, sugar and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment. Beat at high speed until soft peaks form. (Cream may be prepared up to 4 hours in advance. Cover and refrigerate until use.)

To serve, divide half of the strawberries between serving glasses. Spoon the cream over strawberries to cover. Sprinkle with meringues. Repeat the layering process. Garnish with reserved sliced strawberries and lemon zest. Serve immediately.

**Crisp Meringues**  
**Active time: 20 minutes**  
**Total time: 1 1/2 to 2 hours, plus cooking time**  
**Yield: Makes about 40 (2-inch) meringues**

4 large organic egg whites, room temperature  
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1 cup granulated sugar  
3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Heat the oven to 225 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Beat the egg whites and cream of tartar in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment until foamy. With the mixer running, add the sugar, 1 to 2 tablespoons at a time, mixing about 5 seconds after each addition to fully incorporate the sugar. Mix in the vanilla.

Pipe the meringue through a pastry bag in decorative rounds or drop large spoonfuls on the parchment and flatten slightly.

Bake in the oven until the meringues are firm, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Turn off the oven. Do not remove the meringues or open the oven door. Let the meringues dry and cool completely in the oven.

Store in an airtight container with parchment or wax paper between the layers for up to 2 weeks. Meringues can be re-crisped in a 200-degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

*(Recipe adapted from the Incredible Egg)*

## Minneapolis neighborhood hosts a wacky tour of window cats that draws hundreds

By **RACHEL HUTTON**  
Star Tribune (TNS)

MINNEAPOLIS — On a warm Saturday in July 2019, a 911 caller reported a disturbance at 24th and Colfax in south Minneapolis: a group of 100-some people in the street, not letting vehicles pass.

The incident soon appeared on a local police scanner Facebook page, stirring fear of a fomenting protest. Finally, one amateur sleuth suggested that perhaps it was just the annual Wedge neighborhood cat tour and posted a link to the event page.

Commenters pounced: “Please, someone tell me that the cat tour is a joke. Please.”

“I thought surely this is an article from the Onion.”

“Settle down, neighbors! Its [sic] hard to imagine anything less threatening than the Wedge Cat Tour, folks.”

“What the hell is a cat tour?”



Antranik Tavitian / Minneapolis Star Tribune / TNS  
**Fish, a 13 year-old cat belonging to Zach Randolph, sits on the porch of Zach's home in the Wedge neighborhood.**

John Edwards, organizer of the annual Wedge Cat Tour, marking its fifth year on Wednesday, was amused by the neighbors’ alarm, considering his harmless intent. “Just show us your cats and there won’t be any trouble,” he joked.

Each summer, Edwards leads cat lovers through his neighborhood, stopping to see the resident furballs perched in windowsills,

sake, Edwards has even made handheld “Caution! Cat Tour Approaching” signs.

The tour has drawn big crowds. Due to COVID-19, last year’s event was virtual (an hourlong livestream of Edwards walking the route), but in 2019, more than 300 cat tourists viewed 50-some felines.

Further cementing the tour’s status, the internationally famed (and grammatically maddening) internet meme site I Can Has Cheezburger featured the event, crowing, “Minneapolis, Minnesota, Has An Actual Tour Event Where You Go And See The Residential Cats In The Neighborhood.”

Before John Edwards was the cat tour guy, he was a graphic designer moonlighting on social media as Wedge Live, a source of hyperlocal news and commentary about the pie-shaped neighborhood between Hennepin and Lyndale avenues, colloquially known as the Wedge.

## Struggling homeowners may still be able to keep their homes after the end of federal foreclosure moratorium

Now that the federal moratorium on mortgage foreclosures has ended, homeowners will have to reckon with thousands of dollars of overdue payments that were paused for more than a year. But don’t despair, there’s still a lot of help available.

Under the Cares Act, borrowers hit hard by the pandemic and having trouble making their mortgage payments were provided with two vital types of protection.

One was a foreclosure moratorium, which ended July 31.

The second protection gave borrowers the right to ask for and receive a forbearance, which permits them to temporarily stop making mortgage payments.

The automatic approval of pandemic-related relief was key. People generally couldn’t be rejected for forbearance. While officially the relief only applied to federally owned or backed loans, many private lenders followed the government’s lead.

**Michelle Singletary**



As pandemic-specific protections sunset, help is still available to prevent homes from going into foreclosure. Here’s what you need to know if you can’t pay your mortgage.

■ What happens now that the foreclosure moratorium has ended?

Lenders can proceed with foreclosures, especially for borrowers who have abandoned their properties or haven’t responded to outreach from their mortgage servicers.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says that if you received forbearance under the Cares Act and you’re still experiencing financial hardship because of the pandemic, you may be entitled to ask for and receive an extension.

You can get an extension as long as you haven’t reached the maximum months of forbearance, points out Mark McArdle, the CFPB’s assistant director for mortgage markets. For most borrowers who began forbearance last spring, the 18-month maximum will be this fall.

“A consumer who has not entered forbearance as of now can enter forbearance,” McArdle said. “Folks who have exited forbearance and then want to reenter, they can still reenter.”

But you need to ask for assistance. It won’t happen automatically. You need to contact your mortgage servicer.

■ How much time do I have?

The Federal Housing Administration announced an extension of the foreclosure-related eviction moratorium for foreclosed borrowers through Sept. 30.

“FHA’s eviction moratorium extension will avoid displacement of foreclosed borrowers and other occupants who need more time to access suitable housing options after foreclosure,” the agency said.

The Biden administration has extended the forbearance enrollment window through Sept. 30 for government-backed loans – about 75 percent of all mortgages – according to the General Accountability Office.

Such loans are guaranteed, insured, made directly by, purchased or securitized by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development/FHA, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Agriculture Department.

The extended pandemic-related forbearance could last up to 12 months.

■ If I’m exiting a forbearance, what’s happens next?

If you’re still experiencing financial trouble, starting Aug. 31, most mortgage servicers must tell you about repayment or other options when they reach out to you, according to a CFPB rule that has been updated in light of the pandemic. The watchdog agency says that except in limited circumstances, servicers can’t start the foreclosure process before Jan. 1, 2022. The servicer has to reach out to you first, examine your situation and then explore options to help you avoid foreclosure.

You can find a lot of answers to your questions and guidance on the CFPB’s website, consumerfinance.gov. Look for the unified housing link.

■ What are my options for catching up on missed mortgage payments during the moratorium?

There are various ways you can deal with past-due mortgage payments.

Generally, there are four options, according to McArdle.

■ Reinstatement (pay it all back in a lump sum)

■ Payment plan (higher payments to pay back over a period of time)

■ Deferral (move missed payments to the back of the loan, resume making old payment)

■ Loan modification (changing the terms of the loan to achieve a lower payment)

“The last two options are the ones most consumers will use to exit forbearance,” he said.

If none of these options are doable, you could sell your home. And unlike during the Great Recession, you might walk away with some money because housing prices are skyrocketing in many areas.

“Some folks have equity, which is different than the last crisis,” McArdle said. “It’s possible that if you need to leave your home, you can leave with some equity, as opposed to eroding that equity through the foreclosure process.”

■ If I don’t have the money to pay my mortgage, why should I contact my loan servicer?

Your lack of communication could actually speed up the foreclosure process. In some states, a foreclosure can happen in as soon as a few months. The help you need won’t happen if you don’t communicate with your mortgage servicer.

Under the new CFPB rules, the servicer can proceed with a referral for foreclosure if the company hasn’t received any communications after 90 days.

“Don’t dodge the call from your servicer,” McArdle said.

■ What should I do if my loan servicer isn’t helping me?

HUD-approved housing counselors can discuss options with you if you’re having trouble getting help from your mortgage servicer.

At hud.gov, you can find a link to a housing counseling agency or call toll-free 800-569-4287.

If you are not getting the assistance you need, you should also file a complaint with the CFPB. At consumerfinance.gov, click the link that says “Submit a Complaint.”

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

**Asbury Country Church**  
On Sunday, Aug. 8 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The Morning Message will be, “Praying and Sharing,” by Pastor Mike Bullick.

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**  
Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

**Christ United Methodist Church**  
On Sunday, Aug. 8, the worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N Wabash St., is at 10 am. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 with a sermon reflection titled “Principles of New Life.” Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

**Christian Heritage Church**  
Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

**College Corner Brethren Church**  
College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

**Common Ground Prayer House**  
The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Ma-

han at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

**Dora Christian Church**  
On Sunday, Aug. 8 at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be “How far do you want to go?” from 2 Kings 2:1-18. The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Frieden. Children’s Church for the 10:30 a.m. service will be led by Holli Good and Brooke Swope. The recorded sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group the morning of Sunday, Aug. 8.

**LaFontaine Christian Church**  
The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

**LaFontaine United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

**Lincolnvile United Methodist**  
Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one

worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. On Sunday, Aug. 1, there will be no Sunday school at 9 a.m., but there will be a worship service at 10 a.m. For more information, email [pastorjohn1954@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn1954@gmail.com) or call 260-563-1406.

**Living Faith Lutheran Church**  
Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

**Manchester Church of the Brethren**  
Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

**North Manchester Congregational Christian Church**  
Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

**North Manchester Missionary Church**  
The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

**Olive Branch Church of God**  
The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**  
Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

**Southside Free Will Baptist**  
Streaming on their Facebook page.

**Sweetwater Assembly of God**  
Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

**Urbana Yoke Parish**  
Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon

every Tuesday.

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**  
At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. Masks are recommended. On Sunday, Aug. 8, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 and titled, “Spiritual Gifts.” On Sunday, Aug. 15, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 12:13-31 and titled, “One Body, Many Members.” On Sunday, Aug. 22, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 13 and titled, “What is Love?” On Sunday, Aug. 29, Pastor Doug Beal will be off, with plans to be determined. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at [pastordoug@wabashcob.org](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org).

**Wabash Church of the Nazarene**  
Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for

the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

**Wabash First Church of God**  
In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on “Psalm 122.” The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sundays on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

**Walk by Faith Community Church**  
At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. We invite all to come and worship with us for a special outdoor service at 9 a.m. with doughnuts, coffee, milk and juice. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

**Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash**  
Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zion-wabash](http://www.facebook.com/zion-wabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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**OFFICER**  
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trative and parking citations and notices of violation as necessary.

The code enforcement officer will also prepare evidence in support of legal actions taken by the city, appear in court as necessary and testify at hearings and in court proceedings as required.

Application materials and a full job description may be obtained at the Building Department in City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St., or by visiting <http://www.cityofwabash.com/city-information/employment-opportunities/>.

For more information, call 260-563-4171.

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# Confession tops Grant County murder trial testimony on Thursday

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Attorneys began closing arguments Friday in the murder trial of a Gas City woman accused of killing her stepdaughter in 2019. That followed testimony Thursday in which jurors heard from detectives who worked the case. They also watched a video of interviews that Carmack gave to detectives as they world to learn the whereabouts and fate of 10-year-old Skylea Carmack.

Sitting cross-legged on the floor of the police station around midnight, Amanda Carmack cried as she waited for detectives to arrive.

No more than five hours earlier, detectives took a detour as they drove Amanda Carmack home from a polygraph test, one characterized as deceptive. Indiana State Police detective Robert Burgess took Amanda Carmack on a lap around the block, showing her the last set of cameras they expected to examine footage from to see if Skylea Carmack ever truly ran away.

“My thought process was I want her to know what we know at this point so that she could maybe make an educated decision about her future,” Burgess testified Thursday.

Burgess explained investigators knew she didn’t leave

in any other direction.

“You might want to help us bring her home,” he said as he recalled their interaction. “I said, ‘So if you have a change of heart and want to talk to me, do it.’”

Shortly after Burgess dropped Amanda Carmack off, ISP detective Joshua Rozzi said he received a set of notes that Skylea Carmack’s biological dad, Kevin, found earlier that day.

“Once you read the notes – and the way the investigation was going – things were not looking good as far as finding Skylea alive,” Rozzi testified.

The notes described her exhaustion of being lied to and her perception of being bad at lying.

“I’d rather tell the truth and deal with it,” a snippet from one note stated.

“I’m sorry, Mom,” another note read. “You wanted me to take care of them, and I couldn’t do it ... I love all the kids ... I’m broken. I’ve always been broken, haven’t I? Why can’t I remember?”

One note was dated Aug. 22, the same day Amanda Carmack made a post to Facebook that read, “I’m really at the end of my rope with this one,” after sharing that Skylea was hiding food in her pants and candy in her bed.

He and Kevin Carmack were essentially pleading with Amanda Carmack by

that point, Rozzi said, but their pleas weren’t answered until she walked to the police station around midnight.

In the early morning hours of Sept. 4, 2019, Carmack hyperventilated as she recounted “images” that would later prove to be true.

“I remember sitting on her ... putting something around her neck,” Carmack said in the taped confession broadcast to the jury.

She told detectives Skylea Carmack’s body might be in a trash bag on the left side of a white shed behind her home. That is exactly where police found her – tucked inside three black trash bags stuffed with dryer sheets, a piece of clothing tied in a double knot around her neck – so tight forensic pathologist Scott Wagner testified he couldn’t get his finger under it.

While Skylea Carmack’s body showed signs of decomposition, Wagner said the ligature used to strangle her was so tight it left the skin underneath it pale.

“The less blood the less decomposition,” he said.

ISP crime scene investigator Tim Dolby, who said he’s seen bodies from more than 20 hangings, testified, “It was, what I recall, the deepest furrow on the neck that I’ve seen in any of those.”

Defense attorney David Payne took issue with that characterization, saying the

impression caused by the ligature could be more pronounced since her body was bloating and wasn’t found for more than four days. Dolby and Wagner both said the cadavers they’ve seen from hangings are not typically decomposing to that magnitude.

As for the bruises found under her neck on her chest and shoulder, Wagner said they were caused by blunt force trauma.

“They definitely occurred while she was still alive,” he said.

Photos from the scene and autopsy confirmed Skylea Carmack was found wearing the same clothes Amanda Carmack described when reporting her missing – teal Chuck Taylor sneakers, a Mario and Luigi top, black pajama pants adorned with candy canes and hearts. The pink backpack and pillow Amanda Carmack reported missing were found on top of the child’s body.

When detectives returned to the Gas City Police Department to make the arrest, they pressed Amanda Carmack to be honest and tell them what happened so she wouldn’t have to rehash the details, which she agreed to do after signing a waiver of her right to an attorney.

The timeline – critical to the defense’s argument that Amanda Carmack should be found guilty of manslaughter,

not murder – was never fully divulged in the interviews. Amanda Carmack repeatedly said she didn’t know for certain whether it occurred in the house or in the shed. She said the timeline was blurry, not knowing if it happened before or after she put the Texas toast in the oven at 5:47 p.m. as she made spaghetti on Aug. 31, 2021.

She mentioned once, in the video, that she thought the strangling might have happened in the shed. When asked about when it occurred, she said, “Like after I talked to Kevin,” which happened just before 3:30 p.m. that day.

In the police-recorded interviews, Amanda Carmack claimed to not know when the backpack or pillow was taken from the 10-year-old’s room. She also couldn’t remember if Skylea Carmack struggled.

“It was just a flash,” she told officers that night.

The letters she wrote to her family before being taken from the station in handcuffs never left police custody. Police put them into evidence, something Payne took issue with, saying his client was trying to console the children she cared for and provide them with the information they needed to know.

Payne made Rozzi read the letters out loud to the jury, most of which includ-

ed apologies to each family member. The final letter read was addressed to Skylea Carmack, which included remorse for what had occurred.

“I’m sorry that I hurt you,” part of the note to Skylea Carmack stated. “I didn’t mean for anything to happen.”

Also admitted into evidence Thursday were results of DNA testing, taken from the trash bags. All three showed likely contributions of DNA from Skylea and Amanda Carmack.

The ligature used to strangle Skylea Carmack to death went from hand to hand as the jury examined the evidence.

Payne argued the Facebook posts Amanda Carmack made showed his client was under extreme duress, earlier arguing that her migraines and job to homeschool seven children caused major anxiety for her.

Attorneys are expected to arrive early Friday to discuss final instructions, and prosecutors will begin calling witnesses around 8:30 a.m. that morning.

Closing arguments had not concluded in the trial by the print deadline on Friday. For Friday’s update in the trial, visit [wabashplaindealer.com](http://wabashplaindealer.com).

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## COVID

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of sample COVID-19 cases in the current month had tested positive for the Delta (B.1.617.2) variant. That figure was up 23.7 percent from samples taken the previous month.

These rising cases continue as lagging local vaccination rates have also persisted.

As of Thursday, Aug. 5, Wabash County recorded a total of 39,255 vaccinations per 100,000 residents, placing it in the lower third of counties for the entire state.

During a televised press conference Friday, July 31, state chief medical officer Dr. Lindsay Weaver said they initially saw many of the most vulnerable sign up for vaccinations when they were first eligible.

Weaver said this trend has tapered off at the worst possible time.

“As vaccine has become more widely available and eligibility has opened to anyone age 12 and older, demand has fallen off. We knew that this would happen. Unfortunately, it is happening when we are seeing a resurgence of cases due to the Delta variant,” said Weaver.

On Friday, Aug. 6 the ISDH announced that 2,058 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 781,326 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

To date, 13,624 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an

increase of nine from the previous day. Another 430 probable deaths have been reported to date based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,697,909 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,692,418 on Thursday, Aug. 5. A total of 11,366,594 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Hoosiers age 12 and older can receive a COVID-19 vaccine; individuals younger than age 18 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only. To find a vaccination clinic near you,

visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted at most sites.

Mobile vaccination clinics are planned from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at Jasper Strassenfest, 1 Courthouse Square, Jasper; from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Franklin County 4-H Fair, 7178 Blue Creek Rd., Brookville; from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Steam Engine Show, 3707 S. County Road 200

West, Rushville; and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Block Party at Flanner House, 2424 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., Indianapolis.

Patients with an appointment at a state-hosted public vaccination site can get a free Uber or Lyft ride. Call 2-1-1 or (866) 211-9966 to receive a voucher to cover the cost of an Uber ride to and from your vaccination appointments. IU Health offers free Lyft rides to any vaccine site in the state. Call 888-IUHEALTH (888-484-3258) and choose

option 9 if you need transportation to your vaccine appointment.

As of Friday, a total of 5,945,193 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 2,973,585 first doses and 2,971,608 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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## MYERS

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she could create “a long list of great teachers” from her time as a student at Metro North Elementary School and Northfield Jr./Sr. High School.

“Some of them were great because of their knowledge in their content area,” said Myers. “Some were great because they made learning fun, but the absolute best were the ones who made me feel like I was important to them.”

Myers said she remembered the teachers who told stories about their own lives

and who asked questions about her own in return.

“These teachers let my classmates and I see them for who they were, and they took the time to see us as more than just another student,” said Myers. “I may not remember every single thing those teachers taught me when I was in school, but I remember the experience of being in their presence. I want to offer that same experience for my kids, so I tell them stories about my life, I share my joys and my frustrations, and I let them see the real, raw, imperfect version of me. The best way I have found to connect with my kids is to just let them

in. They are a part of my life and I want to earn a place in their lives.”

Myers said those great teachers she had earned a place in her life and memory.

“I can only hope that someday my students will remember the experiences they had with me the same way that I affectionately remember my experiences in the classrooms of Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Milam, Mr. Wenrich, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Waggoner and Mr. Henderson,” said Myers.

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WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals on the 24TH day of AUGUST, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of JOHN CLAYTON ELLET for SPECIAL EXCEPTION #: 10 to construct a lake, pond, earthen structure greater than 100 sq ft in an Ag zoned district. The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: Part of the south west 1/4 of Section 36, Township 29N, Range 9E, Chester Township, Wabash County, containing 9.96 acres A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. NOTICE: Indiana Code 36-7-4-920 forbids any person from communicating with a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals before the hearing with the intent to influence a member's action on a matter pending before the Board.  
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**Summary of the Annual Financial Report for Calendar Year 2020**  
**Corp #: 8050    Corp Name: M.S.D of Wabash County**  
The Annual Financial Report in its entirety can be viewed on the school corporation website at:  
<https://www.msdlc.org/about/finance>

Receipts and Expenditure Comparisons Calendar Year 2020				
Fund Name	Budget Receipts	Annual Receipts	Budget Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
Education Fund	\$15,449,683.00	\$15,626,665.56	\$17,535,657.90	\$14,377,626.68
Referendum Fund				
Debt Service Fund	\$2,310,342.00	\$2,328,717.89	\$2,381,059.00	\$2,382,504.00
Retirement/Severance Bond Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Debt Service Fund				
Operations Fund	\$7,578,221.00	6,674,352.06	\$6,674,352.06	\$5,994,158.18
Repair and Replacement Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Self-Insurance Fund	N/A	\$919,071.51	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$25,338,246.00</b>	<b>\$25,548,807.02</b>	<b>\$28,217,157.90</b>	<b>\$22,754,288.86</b>
<b>Minimum Teacher Salary Range:</b>		\$37,500.00		
<b>Maximum Teacher Salary Range:</b>		\$63,800.00		

High School Extracurricular Salaries			
Position	Amount	Position	Amount
Athletic Director	\$73,000.00	Golf - girl	\$3,430.00
Head Basketball	\$3,430.00	Head Softball	\$3,430.00
Head Basketball - boy	\$6,666.00	Tennis - girl	\$3,430.00
Head Basketball - girl	\$6,666.00	Head Track	\$3,430.00
Head Football	\$6,666.00	Head Volleyball	\$3,430.00
Cross Country	\$3,430.00	Head Wrestling	\$3,430.00
Golf - boy	\$3,430.00	Vocal Music	\$1,530.00
		Head Band	\$2,100.00

Certified Administrative Staff in Effect June 30, 2021			
	Lowest Salary	Highest Salary	Average Salary
Administrative Staff	\$58,400.00	\$112,000.00	\$82,000.00

Student Enrollment October 1, 2020	
Grade Level	Enrollment
Pre-School Ages 0 - 2 (PW)	0
Pre-Kindergarten Ages 3 - 5 (PK)	58
Kindergarten	113
Grade 1	135
Grade 2	112
Grade 3	122
Grade 4	130
Grade 5	133
Grade 6	151
Grade 7	143
Grade 8	154
Grade 9	176
Grade 10	181
Grade 11	221
Grade 12	264
Grade 12+/Adult (13)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2096</b>

**Non-certified Employee Classifications and Range of Pay Rates 2020-2021**

Classifications	Range of Pay Rates
<b>I. Instructional and Supplementary Pupil Services</b>	
A. Library Aides	\$10.80-\$11.30 hourly
B. Kindergarten/Pre-K Aides	\$10.80-\$11.30 hourly
C. Special Education Aides	\$10.80-\$11.30 hourly
D. Title I/Other instructional Aides	\$10.80-\$11.30 hourly
E. Classroom Instructors	\$15.95-\$16.45 hourly
<b>II. Cafeteria and Food Services</b>	
A. Managers/Head Cooks	\$12.50-\$15.00 hourly
B. School Food Service Director	\$17.00-\$19.50 hourly
C. All Other Food Service Employees	\$10.10-\$11.10 hourly
<b>III. Health Services</b>	
A. Head Nurse	\$41,000-\$47,350 yearly
B. Health Service Assistant	\$18.00-\$20.00 hourly
C. Physical/Occupational Therapist	\$39,800-\$65,000 yearly
<b>IV. Office/Clerical/Secretarial</b>	\$12.00-\$17.50 hourly
<b>V. Executive/Administrative/Accounting</b>	
A. Deputy Treasurer	\$40,000-\$52,000 yearly
B. Buildings and Grounds Director	\$50,000-\$57,000 yearly
C. Accounts Payable/Payroll/ECA	\$16.00-\$20.00 hourly
<b>VI. Maintenance/Custodial/Warehouse/Security/Transportation</b>	
A. Building Custodians/Maintenance/Mechanics	\$12.70-\$18.50 hourly
B. Bus Drivers	\$88-\$93 daily
C. Transportation Director	\$17.00-\$17.50 hourly
<b>VII. Computer Services</b>	
A. Student Information Specialist	\$30,000-\$37,000 yearly
B. Technology Assistants	\$21,500-\$24,500 yearly

**Assessed Valuation and Tax Rates  
Calendar Years 2020 and 2021**

	2020	2021
Assessed Valuation	\$717,868,223	\$721,814,312
Tax Rate - Education Fund	N/A*	N/A*
Tax Rate - Referendum Fund	N/A*	N/A*
Tax Rate - Debt Service Fund	\$0.2844	\$0.2918
Tax Rate - Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service Fund	N/A*	N/A*
Tax Rate - Operations Fund	\$0.5654	\$0.5859
Tax Rate - Exempt Debt Service Fund	N/A*	N/A*

**Statement of Indebtedness  
Calendar Year 2020**

Indebtedness	Principal Outstanding
Temporary Loans	\$
School Bonds	\$265,000.00
Emergency Loans	\$
School Bus Loans	\$
Holding Company - Public and Private	\$4,555,000.00
Veterans' Memorial Loans	\$
Common School Loans	\$
Indiana Bond Bank/Anticipated Notes	\$
Retirement/Severance Bond Debt	\$
Bank Loans or DLGF Approved Debt	\$
Qualified School Construction Bonds (ARRA)	\$
Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (ARRA)	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,820,000.00</b>







# Kerr's running career to continue at Bluffton

She was a regional qualifier for Manchester HS

By CLAY MAXFIELD  
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Manchester High School's Kailea Kerr signed to run track and cross country with Bluffton University this past spring in a turn of events that began with her questioning the future of her running career before finding a new place to call home.

"At first, I didn't want to run track in college," Kerr said. "I was looking at a couple of schools and all the coaches I met I just told them I wasn't feeling it. ... When we showed up to Bluffton's campus, I just fell in with the campus and I just loved every bit about it."

"They sat down and told me that they wanted me and that I was special, that I would help the team out and everything. They made me feel like a part of the family already. So I was just really invested in the team already just from the coaches."

For Kerr, a regional qualifier for



Provided photo

Manchester High School's Kailea Kerr signed to run track and cross country with Bluffton University this past spring.

Manchester, she plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in nursing while competing in the 400 and the 4x400 for the Bluffton Beavers.

With Manchester, Kerr remained

undefeated in the 400 throughout the entirety of the regular season.

Manchester's head track coach Julie Castle reflected on what it meant to sit back and watch Kerr anchor

her relay team and how it set her apart from the rest.

"You've never seen anything until you've seen that girl get a baton. ... Kailea's going to get that baton

and she's going to close. She comes around that first corner like a freight train and they say that the anchor leg of a 4x400 is all about heart rather than skill and that would be Kailea," Castle said.

In terms of her competitive nature, Kerr embraces the lack of comfortability that comes along with running the 400.

"It's just a completely different race than any race there is. The 400 makes you push yourself and makes you uncomfortable and that's what I want to be. I want to be uncomfortable and pushing myself in every race. It's just been with me every year, I've pushed myself and just gotten better," she said.

Regardless of what she learns or endures at Bluffton University, Kerr knows that in Castle, she will always have someone in her corner.

"Castle has been the biggest support of my life," Kerr said. "She's been my biggest supporter and has always been there. ... She's taught me even though it's nice to win, it's more about the life for the sport. She's been the biggest impact and I can't thank her enough."

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

# Penix Jr.'s return has Hoosiers hoping to exceed 2020 successes

By MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON — The Indiana Hoosiers expect quarterback Michael Penix Jr. to start the season opener at Iowa — even if he doesn't take a hit until Sept. 4.

And Penix's return has the Hoosiers thinking big again.

On Monday, coach Tom Allen told reporters Penix's recovery remains on schedule, a development that could help the Hoosiers exceed last year's achievements.

"We've been pretty clear on our goals, haven't shied away from it," Allen said Thursday. "We finished second in the Big Ten East last year. Our goal is to play in the Big Ten championship and win the game. There are a lot of things that have to happen before that occurs."

Replicating the breakout 2020 season won't be easy.

Indiana cracked the top 10 for the first time since 1967, posted its best conference record (6-1) in more than a half century and came within a whisker of playing for the third league crown in school history.

The Hoosiers also know how critical it is to have a healthy Penix on the field.

His nifty 2-point conversion run in overtime gave Indiana its second win over longtime powerhouse Penn State. Two weeks later, Penix threw for 342 yards and three touchdowns while snapping a 24-game losing streak in the Michigan series. Two weeks after that, he nearly led the Hoosiers back from a 28-point, third-quarter deficit at Ohio State only to come up one touchdown short. Still, his sensational play converted doubters into believers.

Then in November, Penix suffered a torn anterior cru-

ciate ligament in his right knee — his third straight season-ending injury and the second time he'd hurt the ACL in the right knee. While Indiana continued to win, the lingering offseason question became Penix's health.

He's expected to participate in Friday's first practice albeit with one restriction.

"We're not going to tackle him," offensive coordinator Nick Sheridan said. "Mike is not going to get touched, so if we're doing a team drill that could potentially put him in harm's way, we'll be mindful of that. I think any time you're coming off an injury and going into practice, you have to be careful because the volume and intensity of practice is much higher."

Sheridan believes creative play-calling also can help Penix limit the big shots he's occasionally taken from bigger defenders in the middle of the

field. A revamped offensive line also appears capable of keeping Penix upright.

Penix doesn't appear to be worried. The 6-foot-3, 218-pound redshirt junior walked to the podium Thursday without a hitch in his step or any detectable fear of suffering yet another injury.

"What we want to prove is that last year wasn't a fluke, that we're a team that can compete with anybody," Penix said. "We have a lot of guys who didn't see the field a lot last year and who will make big plays for us this year

We know what we're capable of and we need to be great."

One newcomer who could wind up in the mix is Donaven McCulley, a 6-foot-5, 200-pound freshman quarterback from Indianapolis.

With Penix restricted from contact, backup quarterback Jack Tuttle coming off shoulder surgery and third-string quarterback Dexter Williams II sitting out after tearing an ACL in spring practice, McCulley may need to take snaps.

"Donaven needs to be ready to play yesterday," Sheridan

said. "We have to get him ready to go and that goes for every player in that room. I feel good about the leadership and toughness in that room, we've just got to make sure they're all ready to go."

And with the conference opener less than a month away, the Hoosiers understand there's no time to waste. "A lot of expectations," Allen said. "That's been the challenge, is to go from believing, and I believe we have a team that believes, to now expecting a certain outcome on game day."

# USA's Allyson Felix sets new women's Olympics medal record

By JIM VERTUNO  
Associated Press

TOKYO — The new medal standard in Olympic women's track has been set. American Allyson Felix stands alone at the top and still has a chance to go even higher.

The 35-year-old Felix won her record 10th Olympic track medal Friday night at the Tokyo Games with a push down the home stretch of the 400 meters to take the bronze medal.

Felix now has more Olympic track and field medals than any woman in history in a career that goes back to 2004 in Athens. She came to Tokyo even with Jamaican runner Merlene Ottey.

Her 10th medal also ties her with the great Carl Lewis for the most by an American athlete. She could break that Saturday when she's expected to run in the 1,600-relay.

"It's something I felt I could accomplish. I feel like I have come a long way from all the other Games. This one is just different," Felix said. "I'm not too wrapped up in winning more medals. The biggest thing for me was coming back."

Shaunae Miller-Uibo of the Bahamas won the 400 in 48.36 seconds to defend her Olympic title. Marileidy Paulino of the Dominican Republic finished second a full .84 seconds behind. Felix took bronze by a mere .15 seconds ahead of Stephanie Ann McPherson of Jamaica.

It was a far less dramatic finish than in 2016 when Miller-Uibo dived at the finish line to edge out Felix for the gold.

Later at Olympic Stadium,

SUMMER GAMES TOKYO TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS						
					TOTAL	
1.	United States	31	36	31	98	
2.	China	36	26	17	79	
3.	ROC	17	23	22	62	
4.	Britain	18	20	20	58	
5.	Japan	24	11	16	51	
6.	Australia	17	6	21	44	
7.	Italy	10	10	18	38	
8.	Germany	9	11	16	36	
9.	Netherlands	9	10	12	31	
10.	France	7	11	9	27	

Source: IOC & Sportradar

Updated Aug. 5 at 9:27 PM EDT

AP

Italy won another surprise sprint gold medal when Filippo Tortu ran down Britain's Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake on the anchor leg for the victory by 0.01 seconds.

The Italy win gives 100-meter champion Marcell Jacobs his second gold medal of the Games. It was Italy's first Olympic medal in the relay since a bronze at the 1948 London Olympics. The U.S. men did not qualify for the final.

## American women

The U.S. beach volleyball team of April Ross and Alix Klineman won gold in beach volleyball and the American women's basketball and volleyball teams won to advance to the gold medal finals in both sports.

Ross and Klineman swept Australia 21-15, 21-16 in 43 minutes. For Ross, the gold completes a set. She won silver in London in 2012 and bronze in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Klineman won gold in her first Olympics.

The U.S. women's volleyball team avenged a

gold-medal match loss to Serbia in 2016 with a 25-19, 25-15, 25-23 victory that sends them back into the final against Brazil, which beat South Korea in straight sets in the other semifinal. The Americans have made three previous gold medal finals, but have never won.

"It wasn't like, 'Oh we have to get redemption of this or that,'" U.S. star Foluke Akinradewo Gunderson said. "It was we just want to win a gold medal and whatever that's going to take, we're going to do that."

The U.S. women's basketball team will play Japan in Sunday's final after rolling over Serbia 79-59 behind 15 points and 12 rebounds from Brittney Griner. Japan beat France 87-71.

If the Americans win Sunday, they would match the seven consecutive Olympic titles won by the U.S. men from 1936-68.

And for Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi, it would be five career gold medals, the most ever by a basketball player in the Olympics.

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 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


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**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. Face masks and social distancing required.


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**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website


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**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


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 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.


DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: [bachelorcreek.com](http://bachelorcreek.com); Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. [www.LivingFaithWabash.org](http://www.LivingFaithWabash.org)

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! [tlcwabash@gmail.com](mailto:tlcwabash@gmail.com).

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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Genesis 28:1-22	Genesis 35:1-15	Exodus 40:1-38	Deut. 1:1-33	Deut. 4:1-14	Deut. 4:15-40
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society					
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